Transcript of President's News Conference on Foreign and Domestic Matters

Following is a transcript of President Reagan's news conference yesterday at the White House, as recorded by The New York Times:

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O. Mr. President, rocent public rejoris indicate that King Hussein apparently views the Mideast peace proports indicate that King Hussein apparently views the Mideast peace process as just about collapsed. Can you
offer us today any concrete indications that there is still some chance to
save your peace plan in the Middle
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A. Yes. That's why George Shultz is
going there. But that statement with
regard to King Hussein — I've been in
communication with him both by
phone and by cable, and that hasn't
been the position he expressed to me.
the effort to persuade Arafat, as a representative of the P.L.O., to silow forforces from Lebanon. He came in
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states could agree to. And so they told
din that until and unless they came
up with something different than what
the radical element of the P.L.O.—
why we would, all of us, just have to go
our own way.

Q. But since it seems unlikely that
the P.L.O. will go along with Hussein,
how can you pullit out?
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late tegotiations don't have to hinge
on the P.L.O. being present.

Senate Vote on Budget

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Other President, if I can return to
the last part of your opening states
the fact that the Senate Budget Committee yesterday voted against your
programs on taxes, on defense and on
domestic spending. How do you explain the rejection of really a total
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and take the matter to the moor. And that's what happened.
Q. And as for compromise?
A. What?
Q. As for compromise? Aren't you soling to have to compromise more on defense and taxes and domestic

defense and takes an spending?

A. We have proposed a compromise, but certainly not to the extent that the committee turned out. Because that would be very irresponsible and it would be irresponsible on my part to not call it irresponsible.

Defense and Tax Cuts

O. Mr. President, are you willing to accept, ah, are you willing to accept, ath are you willing to accept that your, the third year of your tax cut might not be put in place? Or are you willing to accept a smaller increase in the defense spending than what you've proposed? I we've going.

A. I believe that, well an increase over the figure that came out of that committee, obviously. We have an nounced in the beginning that there is a willingness, we have found that we

can go somewhat below the original figure that we first introduced in the budget. This has come about through the change brought about by the committee on the MX and all, on better progress in Inflation, some hings or progress in Inflation, some hings or progress in Inflation, some figure or that, but it has been presented to the chairman of the committee. He knows about it.

With regard to the taxes, no, there's no way that we can give up on that way that we can give up on the strictly for the benefit of those in lower-and middle-income ranges because they're the only ones who can be shoved into higher tax brackets by cost-of-living pay increases.

Q. Mr. President, the Republican Senate voted overwheiringly yester, believe the senate of the budget of the senate of the budget ountity Why is, why are you having so much trouble with your own people in the Senate?

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A. Well, this particular issue here, I thought that yesterday's yote in the following that yesterday's yote in the control of the

even mentioned, or was successful not.

And then suddenly a very successful lobbying effort went forward and the simple fact is that what was voiced in the Senate was to allow people to go on cheating on their income tax rather than making them pay their fair chars.

Support for Programs

Q. But sir, your own strongest con-servative partisans, such as Senator Kasten and Senator Armstrong, are not backing you on these important measures. My question was, what has happened to the united front that you used in '81 and '82? A. Well, in this particular instance they went their own way. We'll see what happens on some other episodes.

Q. Mr. President, with that over-whelming Senate vote and the likeli-hood of a House vote, perhaps of simi-lar proportion, are you still planning to veto that bill in light of perhaps a veto-proof vote by the Congress?

to veto that out in nignt or personnel veto-proof vote by the Congress?

A. The, as I've said many times before, in this case, I've said an apple can be an orange, in this case a bad of the control of

would you veto it? Do you feel that strongly about it? A. I feel strongly about it. That's alf I'll say in advance. P.L.O. Role in Nicaragua

Q. Mr. President, you mentioned a few moments ago about the radical elements of the P.L.O. We understand, that the White House now has intelligent to the property of the P.L.O. How the pen aiding the Nicaraguan Government, and the Salvadoran leftist guerrillas. Can you tell us more about what the P.L.O. is done, I understand there's sent the property of the proper

some 50 P.L.Ö. pilots down thereand what you're going to do about it?

A. I can tell you that the report is
true. They, like others from the Communist states, have been in there, and
are in there. And the episode with the
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Libya the other day, when the aspiring
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what an element of that group is doing should turn us away from trying to find a solution to the problem of hun-dreds of thousands, millions in fact, of Palestinians, who aren't radicals and who simply want something of a homeland.

Vote on Arms Spending

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Q. Back on the defense budget, if I might. Do you, you saked Senator Domenici to postpone his, his markup for three weeks and I'm wondering if you feel, in retrospect, that if you and your feel, in retrospect, that if you and your feel, in retrospect, that if you and your feel, in a different position, that you might in a different position, that you might in a higher position, that you might in a higher position, that you might in high position of have been able to get the, the cooperation in those 12 votes you need?

A. It just want that easy, You, as I said before about a defense budget, the continuation in the position in the position

Q. Do you still think you're going to be able to put it back together again on the flower get the defense budget. The period of the flower get the defense budget somewhere are what you think it should be?

A. Yeah.
Q. Mr. President
A. Wait a minute. I've got to go back farther. I'm staying down front here toolong.

Arms Treaty Violations

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Q. Mr. President, are you going to
be speaking out publicly soon about alleged Soviet violations of current treaties? And if the United States does believe that the Soviets are now violatties? And if the United States does believe that the Soviets are now violating treaties we have with them, does
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then further evidence that we believe can be obtained from the Soviet Union, and asking them directly the answer to some questions, that enters into it. And that's all before it gets to

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And the problem is trying, it is so ambiguous that it is difficult to establish, and have hard and fast evidence, his, and have hard and fast evidence, his, and have hard and fast evidence, have been succeed to the solution of a missile that is already proper to the solution of a missile that is already proper to the solution of a missile that is already proper to the solution of a missile that is already proper to the solution of a missile that is already proper to the solution of a missile that is already proper to the solution of a missile that is already proper to the solution of a missile that is already proper to the solution. Now, all I can tell you about this is, if this is like the past ones have been, if the solution is the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution. But what I've said is we've learned enough since we've been here, to know that any treaties that twe arrive at what I've said is we've learned enough since we've been here, to know that any treaties that the arrive at the solution with the Soviets, we're going to make sure they are not ambiguous, that the the thing, the clauses that are in there are hard and fast.

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